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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In response to the office action mailed November 16, 2004, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) A handheld power tool for buffing a workpiece comprising:
a main housing having a buffing member in a basal plane, wherein the main housing houses a mechanism operable to drive the buffing member;
a rear handle mounted rearwardly on the main housing; and
an annular handle mounted around the main housing, wherein the annular handle adopts a wavy profile and wherein the annular handle includes two oppositely disposed side handle members each having a front end and a rear end and at least one upwardly arched arcuate portion, a front handle member connected between the front ends of the two oppositely disposed side handle members and a front connecting member that has a substantially U-shaped profile, wherein the front connecting member has two end portions that are respectively secured to the two oppositely disposed side handle members and wherein the front connecting member is mounted against the main housing..
9. (Original) The handheld power tool according to claim 8, wherein the annular handle adopts a substantially chair-like configuration relative to the basal plane.
10. (Original) The handheld power tool according to claim 9, wherein the chair-like configuration is rearward facing.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) The handheld power tool according to claim ~~[[11]]~~ 8, wherein the two oppositely disposed side handle members adopt a substantially S-shaped profile.

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13. (Currently Amended) The handheld power tool according to claim [[11]] 8, wherein the front handle member has an upwardly arched arcuate portion.

14. (Original) The handheld power tool according to claim 13, wherein the front handle member adopts an inverted substantially U-shaped profile.

15. (Currently Amended) The handheld power tool according to claim [[11]] 8, wherein the annular handle further comprises a rear connecting member joining the rear end portions of the two oppositely disposed side handle members wherein the rear connecting member cooperates with the rear handle.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The handheld power tool according to claim [[16]] 8, wherein the two side handle members define a substantially chair-like configuration and wherein the front connecting member is respectively secured to the two oppositely disposed side handle members in the plane of the substantially chair-like configuration.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The handheld power tool according to claim [[16]] 8, wherein the front connecting member has a cutaway portion which permits the front connecting member to be seated against the main housing.

20. (Currently Amended) The handheld power tool according to claim [[18]] 8, wherein the front connecting member adopts a substantially X-shaped profile.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)